

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Competitive Products Price Changes
Rates of General Applicability

Docket No. CP2023-42

CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 3

(Issued December 5, 2022)

To clarify the USPS Notice of Changes in Rates and Classifications of General Applicability for Competitive Products, filed November 10, 2022,¹ the Postal Service is requested to provide a written response to the following questions. The response is due no later than December 12, 2022.

For questions 1 through 4, please refer to the Postal Service's response to Chairman's Information Request (CHIR) No. 1.² Included with that filing the Postal Service filed non-public workpapers showing current and proposed rates for Competitive Post Office Box Service prices. See Response to CHIR No. 1, question 1.

1. Price ranges for Competitive Post Office Box Service are listed in § 2640.4 of the Mail Classification Schedule (MCS). These price ranges were last updated in 2015,³ and show minimum and maximum prices much broader than the range of current and proposed prices. Please provide revised language updating the

¹ USPS Notice of Changes in Rates and Classifications of General Applicability for Competitive Products, November 10, 2022 (Notice). The Notice also includes the Decision of the Governors of the United States Postal Service on Changes in Rates and Classifications of General Applicability for Competitive Products (Governors' Decision No. 22-6).

² USPS Response to Chairman's Information Request No. 1, with Materials Filed Under Seal, November 28, 2022 (Response to CHIR No. 1).

³ See Docket No. CP2016-9, Order Approving Changes in Rates of General Applicability for Competitive Products, November 13, 2015 (Order No. 2814).

price ranges in MCS § 2640.4 to match the proposed minimum and maximum prices.

2. Since 2011, the Postal Service has used internal fee groups C30-C44 that correspond to the MCS fee groups C1-C7.⁴ Please provide a detailed justification for continuing the practice of showing different fee groups on the MCS than are used internally when reporting prices to the Commission. As part of that justification, please discuss the impact on transparency for the Postal Service's customers.
3. Please confirm that the Postal Service did not file a letter with the Secretary of the Commission publicly showing the prices for Competitive Post Office Box Service that took effect on January 9, 2022. If confirmed, please explain and indicate whether the Postal Service intends to file such a letter in this docket. If not confirmed, please indicate the date on which that letter was filed.
4. Please provide a detailed justification for continuing the Postal Service's practice of not publicly disclosing prices for Competitive Post Office Box Service with notices of changes of rates of general applicability, and instead waiting until soon before the effective date to send a letter to the Commission publicly disclosing those prices. As part of this justification, please identify any specific harms to the Postal Service that would be caused by including unredacted Competitive Post Office Box Service prices in notices of changes of rates of general applicability. Please also discuss why the Postal Service considers the risk of such harms to be greater for Competitive Post Office Box Service than for other Competitive products of general applicability whose prices are disclosed in such notices.

⁴ Docket No. CP2012-2, Letter to Shoshana Grove on Post Office Box Fees, December 29, 2011.

5. Please refer to the Postal Service's response to CHIR No. 2, question 3.a.⁵
Please provide projected unit costs for Label Delivery Service. Please also provide financial workpapers showing the expected impact of the Label Delivery Service on the cost coverage of the Competitive Ancillary Services product.

By the Chairman.

Michael Kubayanda

⁵ USPS Response to Chairman's Information Request No. 2, with Portions Filed Under Seal, December 1, 2022, question 3.a.